

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method for generating an album based on album data including at least one image data set, which has been photographed using a digital camera during a trip and which has location data representing a photography location attached thereto, comprising the steps of:

loading the image data into a personal computer;

displaying together, on a display screen, both map data indicating a travel route and thumbnail images in a chronological order;

forwarding image data from a user terminal of said personal computer to a generation support server, a user at the user terminal being identified by a user ID, where a predetermined reference position corresponds to said user ID, the generation support server performing the steps of:

calculating said distance between the photography location of the image data set and a predetermined reference position, based on the location data;

judging whether the distance is over a predetermined threshold value;

classifying the image data set as one of a vacation album or specific theme album according to the result of judgment;

obtaining, from a storage device and a map database, additional data associated with the classification made for the image data set, the additional data including third party images, spot data that provides descriptions of areas of interest associated with the photography location and audio data associated with the photography location; and

generating the album data according to the result of classification and the image data set and the additional data wherein the album data is displayed in a specific layout based on a template in which said image data set, map data, third party data and spot data are arranged on the display in specific areas defined by the template, wherein a user can select and change the template from amongst a plurality of stored templates.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) The method for generating an album as defined in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

generating travel route data, which represents a route taken during the trip, based on the location data attached to the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value;

obtaining a map data set that contains the route from a map database which stores a plurality of map data sets, based on the travel route data;

generating photography data which represents that the image data set was obtained at the photography location along the route;

attaching the photography data to the map data set; and

generating album data including the map data set, in which the photography data is correlated with the image data set.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The method for generating an album as defined in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

obtaining related data, which is related to the photography location of the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value, based on the location data attached thereto, from a related data storage means which stores a plurality of related data sets; and

generating album data, which includes the related data.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) The method for generating an album as defined in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

obtaining related data, which is related to the photography location of the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value, based on the location data attached thereto, from a related data storage means which stores a plurality of related data sets; and

generating album data, which includes the related data.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The method for generating an album as defined in claim 1, wherein:

album data is generated according to predetermined themes, for the at least one image data set for which the distance is less than or equal to the predetermined threshold value.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) An album generating apparatus that generates album data including at least one image data set, which has been photographed using a digital camera during a trip and which has location data representing a photography location attached thereto, comprising:

- a computer into which the image data is loaded;
- a display screen on which is displayed together, both map data indicating a travel route and thumbnail images in a chronological order;
- a user terminal and a generation support server, where image data is forwarded from the user terminal of said personal computer to the generation support server, a user at the user terminal being identified by a user ID, where a predetermined preference position corresponds to said user ID, the generation support server including:
  - a distance calculating device that calculates a distance between the photography location of the image data set and said predetermined reference position, based on the location data;
  - judgment device that judges whether the distance is over a predetermined threshold value;
  - classification device that classifies the image data set as one of a vacation album or specific theme album according to the result of judgment;
  - obtaining device that obtains, from a storage device and a map database, additional data associated with the classification made for the image data set, the additional data including third party images, spot data that provides

descriptions of areas of interest associated with the photography location and audio data associated with the photography location; and

album data generating device that generates the album data according to the result of classification and the image data set and the additional data wherein the album data is displayed in a specific layout based on a template in which said image data set, map data, third party data and spot data are arranged on the display in specific areas defined by the template, wherein a user can select and change the template from amongst a plurality of stored templates .

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) The album generating apparatus as defined in claim 6, further comprising:

travel route data generating devices that generates travel route data, which represents a route taken during the trip, based on the location data attached to the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value;

map data set obtaining device that obtains a map data set that contains the route from a map database which stores a plurality of map data sets, based on the travel route data;

photography data generating device that generates photography data which represents that the image data set was obtained at the photography location along the route; and

photography data attaching device that attaches the photography data to the map data set; wherein

the album data generating device generates album data including the map data set, in which the photography data is correlated with the image data set.

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) The album generating apparatus as defined in claim 6, further comprising:

related data obtaining device that obtains related data, which is related to the photography location of the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value, based on the location data attached thereto, from a related data storage means which stores a plurality of related data sets; wherein

the album data generating device generates album data, which includes the related data.

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) The album generating apparatus as defined in claim 7, further comprising:

related data obtaining device that obtains related data, which is related to the photography location of the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value, based on the location data attached thereto, from a related data storage means which stores a plurality of related data sets; wherein

the album data generating device generates album data, which includes the related data.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) The album generating apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein:

the album data generating device generates album data according to predetermined themes, for the at least one image data set for which the distance is less than or equal to the predetermined threshold value.

Claims 11-15. (Canceled)

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer readable medium storing thereon computer executable instructions for performing a method for generating an album based on album data including at least one image data set, which has been photographed by a digital camera during a trip and which has location data representing a photography location attached thereto, the program comprising the procedures of:

- loading the image data into a personal computer;
- displaying together, on a display screen, both map data indicating a travel route and thumbnail images in a chronological order;

- obtaining image data from a user terminal of said personal computer and providing the image at a to a generation support server, a user at the user terminal being identified by a user ID where a predetermined reference position corresponds to said user ID, the program performing within the generation support server, the steps of:

- calculating a distance between the photography location of the image data set and said predetermined reference position, based on the location data;

- judging whether the distance is over a predetermined threshold value;

- classifying the image data set as one of a vacation album or specific theme album according to the result of judgment;

- obtaining, from a storage device and a map database, additional data associated with the classification made for the image data set, the additional data including third party images, spot data that provides descriptions of areas of interest associated with the photography location and audio data associated with the photography location; and

- generating the album data according to the result of classification and the image data set and the additional data wherein the album data is displayed in a specific layout based on a template in which said image data set, map data, third party data and spot data are arranged on the display in specific

areas defined by the template, wherein a user can select and change the template from amongst a plurality of stored templates.

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) The recording medium as defined in claim 16, wherein the program further comprises the procedures of:

generating travel route data, which represents a route taken during the trip, based on the location data attached to the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value;

obtaining a map data set that contains the route from a map database which stores a plurality of map data sets, based on the travel route data;

generating photography data which represents that the image data set was obtained at the photography location along the route; and  
attaching the photography data to the map data set; wherein

the procedure of generating album data generates album data including the map data set, in which the photography data is correlated with the image data set.

Claim 18. (Previously Presented) The recording medium as defined in claim 16, wherein the program further comprises the procedure of:

obtaining related data, which is related to the photography location of the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value, based on the location data attached thereto, from a related data storage means which stores a plurality of related data sets; wherein

the procedure of generating album data generates album data, which includes the related data.

Claim 19. (Previously Presented) The recording medium as defined in claim 17, wherein the program further comprises the procedure of:

obtaining related data, which is related to the photography location of the at least one image data set for which the distance is over the predetermined threshold value, based on the location data attached thereto, from a related data storage means which stores a plurality of related data sets; wherein the procedure of generating album data generates album data, which includes the related data.

Claim 20. (Previously Presented) The recording medium as defined in claim 16, wherein:

the procedure of generating album data generates album data according to predetermined themes, for the at least one image data set for which the distance is less than or equal to the predetermined threshold value.

Claim 21. (Previously Presented) The method for generating an album as defined in claim 1, wherein the predetermined reference position is registered as user data.

Claim 22. (Previously Presented) The album generating apparatus as defined in claim 6, wherein the predetermined reference position is registered as user data.

Claim 23. (Canceled)

Claim 24. (Previously Presented) The recording medium as defined in claim 16, wherein the predetermined reference position is registered as user data.



Claim 25. (Previously Presented) The method for generating an album as defined in claim 1, wherein the generated album is transmitted to said personal computer from said generation support server.